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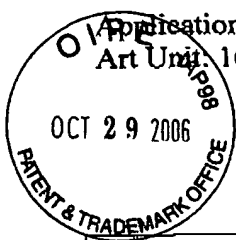
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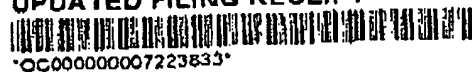
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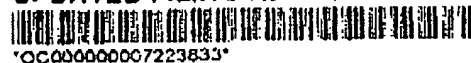
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Dear Examiner:

Further to the appeal submitted to the Board of Appeal and Interference dated Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 2006, please find following the Appeal Brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37.

I am dissatisfied with the primary examiner's decision of final rejection dated 07/11/2006 of my claim number 25

**C- Real party in interest**

I am a self supported 57 years old female medical doctor, the applicant, owner, pro se inventor of the US patent application number: 09/944,564.

**D- Related appeal and interferences**

None, this is my first appeal.

**E- Status of claims**

A statement of the status of all the claims in the proceeding (e.g., rejected, allowed or confirmed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled) and an identification of those claims that are being appealed is in the following 3 pages.

Pages 6-7: indicate claimed as filed 07-15-2003

Page 8: indicate amended claims as filed 10-24-2003

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## CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Use of glycoposphopeptical for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of allergy/asthma for administration to a mammal ~~such as a human~~ in need of such treatment.
2. (Withdrawn)
3. (Original) A Pharmaceutical composition comprises glycoposphopeptical, in any pharmacologically active form at a concentration of the extract which is effective as a Th1 stimulating agent.
4. A Pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 3 further comprising an excipient.
5. A method of treatment of diseases caused by type 1 IgE-mediated hypersensitivity reaction comprising the administration to a mammal ~~such as a human~~ in need of such treatment, of an effective dose of glycoposphopeptical.
6. (Currently amended) The claim 4 including a dosage regimen as a characterizing feature, administering to a patient suffering from a chronic disease a short-term therapy of 5-20 days, preferably 5 days, of a Th1 stimulating agent, to get a long-term clinical remission of months as a result of selective switching-off of the eosinophilic inflammation.
7. The use of the pure seeds of *Nigella sativa* for the preparation of an asthma and allergy agent in a concentration which was found to perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to obtain substantially the same results as with glycoposphopeptical.
8. A Pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 6 further comprising an excipient.
9. A medicament as claimed in any preceding claim, which is adapted and/or packaged for periodic administration to said mammal in doses over a period of 5-20 days, preferably 5 days in doses at least once daily up to ten times/day.
10. A medicament as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that each one of said doses comprises up to 2000mg of said active agent, preferably about 200-1000mg, of said active agent adapted for oral administration to said mammal in capsules, or tablets, or lozenges, or as a powder, or a suspension, or a syrup.
11. (Withdrawn).
12. A kit comprising a medicament as claimed in claim 10 and 11 packaged in separate doses for periodic administration to said mammal such as a human, contains written or printed instructions.
13. The method of claim 5 and 7 is dependent on the fact that interferon is an in vivo Eosinophilic Chemotactic Factor, and that serum interferon and Th1 lymphocytes are controlling the pre-inflammatory phase of allergic reaction.
14. (Withdrawn).

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15. The method of claim 5 and 7 wherein the recommended dose of Th1 lymphocytes stimulating agent is sufficient to selectively switch -off the eosinophilic inflammation in the patient's airway.

16. The method of claim 5 and 6 wherein Th1 lymphocytes stimulating agents are capable of stimulating T lymphocytes in culture, comparable to Purified Protein Derivative of BCG, as a classical Cell Mediated Immunity stimulating agent.

17. (Withdrawn)

18. A method of treatment of viral respiratory tract infections such as, but not limited to influenza and common cold, ~~other viral infections~~ comprising the administration to a mammal such as a human in need of such treatment, of an effective dose of Th1 stimulating agents.

19. (Withdrawn).

20. (Withdrawn).

21. A method of treatment of crohn's disease comprising the administration to a mammal such as a human in need of such treatment, of an effective dose of Th1 stimulating agents in order to stimulate Cell Mediated Immunity.

22. Use of Th1 stimulating agent, for the treatment of crohn's disease to be administered to a mammal such as a human in need of such treatment.

23. (Withdrawn).

24. (Withdrawn).

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CLAIMS

1 - 24. (Withdrawn)

25. (New) A pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of glycophosphopeptical for oral administration for the treatment of allergy and asthma in dosage and duration which is effective to:

- i- Switch-off the airway eosinophilic inflammation.
- ii- Reduce mucus secretion.
- iii- Reduce symptom scores significantly.
- iv- Restore airways patency as measured by Pulmonary Function Test.

26. (New) A pharmaceutical composition of claim 25, to induce a clinical remission and long-term therapeutic effect in a chronically ill patient.

27. (New) A method of treatment of allergy and asthma patients in need of multiple drugs daily, comprising of administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 25 for a short course of 1-14 days to induce a remission of 3-12 months.

28. (New) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of allergy and asthma consisting essentially of the herbal seeds of Nigella sativa to act as a vaccine that is almost identical to Purified Protein Derivative from Bacillus Calmette Guérin:

- i- Switch-off the airway eosinophilic inflammation.
- ii- Reduce mucus secretion.
- iii- Reduce symptom scores significantly.
- iv- Restore airways patency as measured by Pulmonary Function Test.

29. (New) A pharmaceutical composition vaccine of claim 28, to induce a clinical remission and long-term therapeutic effect in a chronically ill patient suffering from asthma and allergy.

30. (New) A method of treatment of allergy and asthma patients in need of multiple drugs daily, comprising of administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 28 for a short course of 1-14 days to induce a remission of 3-12 months.

31. (New) A pharmaceutical composition vaccine from Nigella sativa, to induce a clinical remission and long-term therapeutic effect in patients with Crohn's disease.

32. (New) A method of treatment of Crohn's disease, comprising of administering the pharmaceutical composition vaccine from Nigella sativa for a short course of 1-14 days to induce symptomatic remission.

33. (New) A pharmaceutical composition vaccine from Nigella sativa, to induce a clinical remission and long-term therapeutic effect in patients with influenza and common cold.

34. (New) A method of treatment of influenza and common cold, comprising of administering the pharmaceutical composition vaccine from Nigella sativa for a short course of 1-14 days to induce symptomatic remission.

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### F- Status of amendments

Status of any amendment filed subsequent to final rejection is as follows:

- The amendment was entered? Reply Yes, date 10-10-2006
- The amendment has been acted upon by the examiner? Reply: No

### G- Summary of claimed subject matter

The claimed invention is related to a pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of glycoposphopeptical that is used for the treatment of allergy and asthma in claim 25 of the patent.

I will separate the subject matter related to asthma from subject matter related to allergy; because in the Examiner Office Action dated 07/11/2006 the use in asthma have been rejected and the use in allergy have been overlooked and forgotten.

For each of the 2 claimed inventions involved in the appeal, I shall refer to the specification by page and line number, and the best method for carrying out the invention (enablement) and results of early clinical testing including: 1- X-ray films, 2- Photographs of microscopical examination of sputum and 3- statistical analysis of improvement in symptom scores.

Please notice that in the Priority Document I have referred to glycoposphopeptical as substance A or drug N as clarified in page 1 line 3 of the priority document.

#### Asthma

It appears in the patent application in the following pages:

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|  | of microscopical exam<br>sputum         |    |           |    |                        |
| Response to Office action<br>dated May 5, 2004 filed<br>August 4, 2004 |   |    |           |    |                        |
|  | Table of comparison                     | 9  | Full page |    |                        |
|  | Results of clinical<br>studies          | 10 | Full page | 11 | Upper<br>half<br>table |
|  | Reduction in Sputum<br>eosinophil graph | 20 | Full page |    |                        |

### Allergy including allergic rhinitis and rhinosinusitis

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|   | Indications for the use of<br>substance A  | 2            | 7                                     | 2          | 10                               |
|   | Abstract   | 15           | First 8 lines<br>from yhe<br>abstract |            |                                  |
|   | Stage II   | 17           | Last 2<br>paragraphs                  | 19         | Upper<br>half until<br>stage III |
|   | Table of outcome clinical<br>testing OTHER ALLERGIES<br>including allergic<br>conjunctivitis, chronic urticaria,<br>laryngeal oedema | 18           | Full page                             |            |                                  |
| Response to Office<br>action dated May 5,<br>2004 filed August 4,<br>2004 |  |              |                                       |            |                                  |
|   |  | 7            | Full page                             |            |                                  |
|   | Results of clinical studies<br>allergic rhinitis   | 11           | Lower half of<br>the page             | 15         |                                  |
|   | X ray photograph   | 16           | Full page                             |            |                                  |
|   | Statistical analysis   | 18           | Full page                             | 19         | Full<br>page                     |

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### H- Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal

It is a single ground of rejection related to prior art.

In the Office Action dated 07/11/2006 the Examiner have rejected claim 25 – 27, in pages 3 – 4 point number 7 reads as: Claims 25-27 are rejected under 35 U. S. C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the following prior art:

“ Valoracion clinica inmunologica de un modificador de la respuesta biologica, AM3, en el tratamiento de la patologia respiratoria infecciosa infantil”, Sanchez Palacios A. et. al. Allergol Immunopathos (Madr) (1992), Vol 20 (1), pages 35-39 (Sanchez).

Sanchez discloses the use of Immunoferon (AM3) in the treatment of childhood infectious respiratory pathology. To assess the immunoclinical effectiveness of a biologic response immunomodulator, glycoposphopeptide (AM3) was administered to 20 children with asthmatic bronchitis. The children received 2 envelopes (1gm) daily for 4 months. The clinical and immunological parameters assessed were: cough, dyspnoea, expectoration, frequency and intensity of bronchospasm, time of administration of the symptomatic medication, and the delayed cutaneous cells response by means of the intradermal reaction of 5 antigens: Immunoferon reduced the symptoms, the intensity and frequency of the bronchospasm, and the symptomatic medication.

Point number 8 reads as: Applicant's argument filed April 12, 2006 has been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's argue that Sanchez is referring to infectious respiratory pathology (asthmatic bronchitis) which is not bronchial asthma which is allergic or atopic.

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are not deemed germane. Sanchez teaches the use of glycoposphopeptide for treating asthmatic bronchitis. It was well known in the art at the time of the invention that asthmatic bronchitis is a condition in which the airways in the lung are obstructed due to both persistent asthma and bronchitis. Thus, the patient population treated by the method of Sanchez embraces asthma patients and therefore meets the limitation of the instantly claimed invention.

### I- Argument

The following argument have been filed dated October 10, 2006 and is entered in the patent application report. It includes a copied chapter from a medical textbook that will help very much in clarifying the dispute.

Appeal filed October 10, 2006 page 2 reads as:

In this appeal Brief, may I kindly request the Board of Appeal to consider the following two requests:

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**First:** I am still arguing that asthma and asthmatic bronchitis are two separate unrelated diseases and that my claim rejection was brought up by confusion in the name between the old term of asthmatic bronchitis and asthma. Accordingly the use of glycoposphopeptical in the treatment of asthma in my patent is novel and kindly requesting its allowance.

**Second:** Claim 25 reads as "A pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of glycoposphopeptical for oral administration for the treatment of allergy and asthma ....etc", I am arguing that the pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of "allergy" as a group of diseases referred to separately in the patent application, under description of the invention, with enabelment and previous clarification in my reply to the Office Action filed on Aug 2004 with X-ray films clarifying its unique outcome of early clinical testing , and will be detailed later, have been forgotten and overlooked. May I kindly request the allowance of this claimed invention.

Asthma is currently an international enigma with increasing incidence and uncontrolled patients. According to medical reports released during 2006 from the "Global Initiative Of Asthma" that will be included in the mail copy of this Response and Appeal.

Appeal filed October 10, 2006 Last paragraph page 2 – 2 paragraphs from page 3) reads as:

My argument filed April 12, 2006 was that the Sanchez had excluded cases of asthma in patients selection as described in page 36 column 1 of the article as follows:

#### **"MATERIAL Y METODOS**

Pacientes. Se seleccionaron 40 ninos **no atopicos** con clinica respirotoria infecciosa de bronquitis espastica y/o asmatica con pruebas cutaneas a **neumoalergenos negative c IgE total normal.**

May I add to my argument filed April 12, 2006 that referring to the title of the article by Sanchez which reads as " Valoracion clinica inmunologica de un modificador de la respuesta biologica, AM3, en el tratamiento de la **patologia respiratoria infectiosa infantil**", this description fits the condition of asthmatic bronchitis "bronchiolitis" as will follow, but not asthma.

In the Examiners Office Action dated 07/11/2006, page 4, line 7, he have the following comment "It was well known in the art at the time of the invention that asthmatic bronchitis is a condition in which the airways in the lungs are obstructed due to both persistent asthma and bronchitis."

In the Examiners Office Action dated 07/11/2006, page 4, line 7, he have the following comment "It was well known in the art at the time of the invention that asthmatic bronchitis is a condition in which the airways in the lungs are obstructed due to both persistent asthma and bronchitis."

**My reply** is that "The term bronchiolitis was first used by Engle and Newns in 1940, bronchiolitis appears to have been born from a long lineage of confusing sobriquets, including "asthmatic bronchitis." As will be described below under the title "Bronchiolitis" page 5 of this report. Therefore at the time of filing my invention it was well known that asthma and asthmatic bronchitis are two separate diseases.

**Bronchiolitis (Asthmatic Bronchitis)** (page 4 appeal filed October 10, 2006)



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Exact definition of asthmatic bronchitis is available from a textbook of "Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases", selected paragraphs follows indicates that we are dealing with two separate diseases that may coexist in an infant, The following statements constitute a reply to the point raised by the examiner::

Page 812, column 2: "Bronchiolitis is an acute viral lower respiratory tract illness that occurs during the first 2 years of life. The illness also has been called "wheezy bronchitis" and "asthmatic bronchitis". Whatever term is applied, the syndrome is caused primarily by viral infections. The characteristic clinical manifestations include an acute onset of wheezing and hyperinflation, most commonly associated with cough, rhinorrhea, tachypnoea (increased respiratory rate) and respiratory distress."

"The term bronchiolitis appears to have been born from a long lineage of confusing sobriquets, including "acute catarrhal bronchitis," "interstitial bronchopneumonia," "spastic bronchopneumonia," "capillary or obstructive bronchiolitis," and "asthmatic bronchitis." Bronchiolitis, however, did not become recognized as a distinct entity until the 1940s."

In page 814, column 1 under the term Pathophysiology **"The term bronchiolitis was first used by Engle and Newns in 1940 for the lower respiratory tract disease observed in young infants that tend to be severe and often fatal. The virus initially replicates in the epithelium of the upper respiratory tract, but in the young infant it tends to spread rapidly to the lower tract airways."**

"Inflammatory changes of various severity are observed in most small bronchi and bronchioles. The inflammation and edema make the small-lumen airways in infants particularly vulnerable to obstruction. Thus, although airflow is impeded during both inspiration and expiration, the latter is more affected and prolonged."

In the first column, last paragraph in page 815, under the title of "Pathophysiology": "Clarifying the relationship between bronchiolitis and subsequent asthma is complicated by confusion about the Pathophysiology of asthma itself".....Nevertheless, **"The association between bronchiolitis and asthma is not straightforward. Several investigators have demonstrated that children with bronchiolitis in infancy have no increased risk for asthma or abnormal pulmonary function by the time they reach early adolescence.**

In the first column of page 816 under the title "Diagnosis" and its continuation in the second column in the same page: "The diagnosis of bronchiolitis is made most frequently on the basis of the characteristic clinical and epidemiological findings. However considerable confusions exist over the exact definition of bronchiolitis. A variety of entities may cause a similar picture of dyspnoea and wheezing in the infant. Asthma is not easily differentiated, particularly if it is the infant's first episode. **Furthermore the two diseases may be combined."**

Annex II1. Caroline Breese Hall and John T. McBride. Bronchiolitis. Chapter 60: 812-819. PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Sixth Edition 2005. Elsevier Churchill Livingstone.

Appeal filed October 10, 2006 page 2 paragraph 3 and down - page 3) reads as:

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Most important, to support my argument further, I am submitting new evidence from the standard teaching of medical textbooks that clarifies the point that asthma previously was used to indicate "shortness of breath" as in the case of the term "cardiac asthma" that is used to denote shortness of breath in heart failure (Annex II). Furthermore the correlation between asthma and asthmatic bronchitis; selected from the textbook of Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases 2005 (Annex III), asthmatic bronchitis is currently named bronchiolitis. The term bronchiolitis was first used by Engle and Newns in 1940 for the lower respiratory tract disease observed in young infants. The term bronchiolitis appears to have been born from a long lineage of confusing sobriquets, including "acute catarrhal bronchitis," "interstitial bronchopneumonia," "spastic bronchopneumonia," "capillary or obstructive bronchiolitis," and "asthmatic bronchitis." And that "We are dealing with two separate diseases that may coexist in an infant, and that children with bronchiolitis in infancy have no increased risk of asthma by the time they reach adolescence." This will be detailed further in the following text. May I kindly request consideration of this new evidence and other reference in the text and allow my claimed invention.

### **Confusing medical terms using asthma**

The term asthma, historically, is used to designate any disease characterized by "asthma-like symptoms", in patients complaining of dyspnoea, wheeze, cough and sputum. Those diseases are unrelated to the disease entity of current asthma; examples are 1- "cardiac asthma" and 2- "asthmatic bronchitis".

#### **1- Cardiac Asthma**

The clinical manifestations of heart failure includes respiratory disturbances as dyspnoea and paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea; this term refers to attacks of sever shortness of breath and coughing that generally occur at night. Cardiac asthma is closely related to paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea and nocturnal cough and is characterized by wheezing secondary to bronchospasm-most prominent at night.

Annex II - Part VIII Disorders of the Cardiovascular System: page 1370. HARRISON'S PRINCIPLES OF INTERNAL MEDICINE. 16<sup>th</sup> Edition (2005) Mc Graw-Hill

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### **J- Claim appendix**

In the Office Action dated 07/11/2006 the Examiner have rejected claim 25 - 27 of my patent application number 09/944,564. Currently I am defending claim 25 that reads as follows:

25. A pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of glycoposphopeptical for oral administration for the treatment of allergy and asthma in dosage and duration which is effective to:

- i- Switch-off the airway eosinophilic inflammation.
- ii- Reduce mucus secretion.
- iii- Reduce symptom score significantly.
- iv- Restore airway patency as measured by Pulmonary Function test.



**L- Related proceedings appendix**

None

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### **K- Evidence appendix**

An appendix containing copies of any evidence submitted pursuant to §§ 1.130, 1.131 or 1.132 of this title or any other evidence entered by the examiner and relied upon by appellant in the appeal, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered in the record by the examiner. Reference to unentered evidence is not permitted in the brief. See § 41.33 for treatment of evidence submitted after appeal. This appendix may also include copies of the evidence relied upon by the examiner as to grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal.

1- "Valoracion clinica inmunologica de un modificador de la respuesta biologica, AM3, en el tratamiento de la patologia respiratoria infectiosa infantil", Sanchez Palacios A. et. al. Allergol Immunopathos (Madr) (1992), Vol 20 (1), pages 35-39 (Sanchez).

2- Annex II - Part VIII Disorders of the Cardiovascular System: page 1370. HARRISON'S PRINCIPLES OF INTERNAL MEDICINE. 16<sup>th</sup> Edition (2005) Mc Graw-Hill

3- Annex III. Caroline Breese Hall and John T. McBride. Bronchiolitis. Chapter 60: 812-819. PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Sixth Edition 2005. Elsevier Churchill Livingstone.

4- Annex 1

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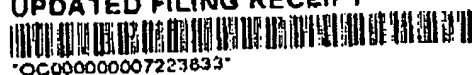


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Dear Examiner:

Further to the appeal submitted to the Board of Appeal and Interference dated Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 2006, please find following the Appeal Brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37.

I am dissatisfied with the primary examiner's decision of final rejection dated 07/11/2006 of my claim number 25

**C- Real party in interest**

I am a self supported 57 years old female medical doctor, the applicant, owner, pro se inventor of the US patent application number: 09/944,564.

**D- Related appeal and interferences**

None, this is my first appeal.

**E- Status of claims**

A statement of the status of all the claims in the proceeding (e.g., rejected, allowed or confirmed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled) and an identification of those claims that are being appealed is in the following 3 pages.

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## CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Use of glycoposphopeptical for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of allergy/asthma for administration to a mammal ~~such as a human~~ <sup>as a human</sup> in need of such treatment.
2. (Withdrawn)
3. (Original) A Pharmaceutical composition comprises glycoposphopeptical, in any pharmacologically active form at a concentration of the extract which is effective as a Th1 stimulating agent.
4. A Pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 3 further comprising an excipient.
5. A method of treatment of diseases caused by type 1 IgE-mediated hypersensitivity reaction comprising the administration to a mammal such as a human in need of such treatment, of an effective dose of glycoposphopeptical.
6. (Currently amended) The claim 4 including a dosage regimen as a characterizing feature, administering to a patient suffering from a chronic disease a short-term therapy of 5-20 days, preferably 5 days, of a Th1 stimulating agent, to get a long-term clinical remission of months as a result of selective switching-off of the eosinophilic inflammation.
7. The use of the pure seeds of Nigella sativa for the preparation of an asthma and allergy agent in a concentration which was found to perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to obtain substantially the same results as with glycoposphopeptical.
8. A Pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 6 further comprising an excipient.
9. A medicament as claimed in any preceding claim, which is adapted and/or packaged for periodic administration to said mammal in doses over a period of 5-20 days, preferably 5 days in doses at least once daily up to ten times/day.
10. A medicament as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that each one of said doses comprises up to 2000mg of said active agent, preferably about 200-1000mg, of said active agent, adapted for oral administration to said mammal in capsules, or tablets, or lozenges, or as a powder, or a suspension, or a syrup.
11. (Withdrawn).
12. A kit comprising a medicament as claimed in claim 10 and 11 packaged in separate doses for periodic administration to said mammal such as a human, contains written or printed instructions.
13. The method of claim 5 and 7 is dependent on the fact that interferon is an in vivo Eosinophilic Chemotactic Factor, and that serum interferon and Th1 lymphocytes are controlling the pre-inflammatory phase of allergic reaction.
14. (Withdrawn).

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15. The method of claim 5 and 7 wherein the recommended dose of Th1 lymphocytes stimulating agent is sufficient to selectively switch -off the eosinophilic inflammation in the patient's airway.

16. The method of claim 5 and 6 wherein Th1 lymphocytes stimulating agents are capable of stimulating T lymphocytes in culture, comparable to Purified Protein Derivative of BCG, as a classical Cell Mediated Immunity stimulating agent.

17. (Withdrawn)

18. A method of treatment of viral respiratory tract infections ~~such as, but not limited to~~ influenza and common cold, ~~other viral infections~~ comprising the administration to a mammal such as a human in need of such treatment, of an effective dose of Th1 stimulating agents.

19. (Withdrawn).

20. (Withdrawn).

21. A method of treatment of crohn's disease comprising the administration to a mammal such as a human in need of such treatment, of an effective dose of Th1 stimulating agents in order to stimulate Cell Mediated Immunity.

22. Use of Th1 stimulating agent, for the treatment of crohn's disease to be administered to a mammal such as a human in need of such treatment.

23. (Withdrawn).

24. (Withdrawn).

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1-24. (Withdrawn)

25. (New) A pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of glycoposphopeptical for oral administration for the treatment of allergy and asthma in dosage and duration which is effective to:

- i- Switch-off the airway eosinophilic inflammation.
- ii- Reduce mucus secretion.
- iii- Reduce symptom scores significantly.
- iv- Restore airways patency as measured by Pulmonary Function Test.

26. (New) A pharmaceutical composition of claim 25, to induce a clinical remission and long-term therapeutic effect in a chronically ill patient.

27. (New) A method of treatment of allergy and asthma patients in need of multiple drugs daily, comprising of administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 25 for a short course of 1-14 days to induce a remission of 3-12 months.

28. (New) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of allergy and asthma consisting essentially of the herbal seeds of *Nigella sativa* to act as a vaccine that is almost identical to Purified Protein Derivative from *Bacillus Calmette Guérin*:

- i- Switch-off the airway eosinophilic inflammation.
- ii- Reduce mucus secretion.
- iii- Reduce symptom scores significantly.
- iv- Restore airways patency as measured by Pulmonary Function Test.

29. (New) A pharmaceutical composition vaccine of claim 28, to induce a clinical remission and long-term therapeutic effect in a chronically ill patient suffering from asthma and allergy.

30. (New) A method of treatment of allergy and asthma patients in need of multiple drugs daily, comprising of administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 28 for a short course of 1-14 days to induce a remission of 3-12 months.

31. (New) A pharmaceutical composition vaccine from *Nigella sativa*, to induce a clinical remission and long-term therapeutic effect in patients with Crohn's disease.

32. (New) A method of treatment of Crohn's disease, comprising of administering the pharmaceutical composition vaccine from *Nigella sativa* for a short course of 1-14 days to induce symptomatic remission.

33. (New) A pharmaceutical composition vaccine from *Nigella sativa*, to induce a clinical remission and long-term therapeutic effect in patients with influenza and common cold.

34. (New) A method of treatment of influenza and common cold, comprising of administering the pharmaceutical composition vaccine from *Nigella sativa* for a short course of 1-14 days to induce symptomatic remission.

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### F- Status of amendments

Status of any amendment filed subsequent to final rejection is as follows:

- The amendment was entered? Reply Yes, date 10-10-2006
- The amendment has been acted upon by the examiner? Reply: No

### G- Summary of claimed subject matter

The claimed invention is related to a pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of glycoposphopeptical that is used for the treatment of allergy and asthma in claim 25 of the patent.

I will separate the subject matter related to asthma from subject matter related to allergy; because in the Examiner Office Action dated 07/11/2006 the use in asthma have been rejected and the use in allergy have been overlooked and forgotten.

For each of the 2 claimed inventions involved in the appeal, I shall refer to the specification by page and line number, and the best method for carrying out the invention (enablement) and results of early clinical testing including: 1- X-ray films, 2- Photographs of microscopical examination of sputum and 3- statistical analysis of improvement in symptom scores.

Please notice that in the Priority Document I have referred to glycoposphopeptical as substance A or drug N as clarified in page 1 line 3 of the priority document.

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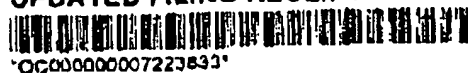
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